

various quarters of the Financial year. Based on the recommendations of GIA Committee, grants are released immediately after settlement of accounts of grants sanctioned in the previous year and the Agreement Bond and Pre-stamped Receipts are submitted by the applicant organisations

[English]

National Authority for Prevention and Control of Aids

5425 **AHRJ BHAGEY GOBARDHAN.**
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the conditions attached to the 100 million dollar soft loan

(b) whether there is any proposal for formation of a national authority for prevention and control of AIDS, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) to (c) Negotiations have been recently concluded with the World Bank for funding the National AIDS Control Project for a period of five years beginning April, 1992 involving an outlay of US \$ 100 million

A Development Credit Agreement is now being processed for approval by the World Bank Board. For credit effectiveness it is necessary for the Government of India and State/UT Governments to establish a dedicated structure and provide adequate staff and resources for implementing the activities which will be funded under the project

Activities for prevention and control of AIDS to be undertaken under the AIDS

Control project are as under

- Programme Management
- Surveillance
- Blood Safety
- Information, Education & Communication
- Control of Sexually transmitted diseases
- Condom Promotion
- Case management

... females and males

5426 **SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL**

WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to raise the statutory marriageable age of both females and males to be one of the effective ways to curb population growth, and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) and (b) The issue of raising the statutory marriageable age of both females and males is being examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments in the Government of India and the State Governments/UTs Administration

[Translation]

Blindness among Children

5427 **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state